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## State of American Energy 2018

Dear Roy,

Projections show 2018 could be a record year for U.S. crude oil production. The U.S. Energy Information Administration's (EIA) crude oil [production forecast](#) of 9.9 million barrels per day – surpassing the previous record from 1970 – is another landmark sign of the growing energy security that has reduced reliance on overseas energy and delivered savings to [American homes and businesses](#).

EIA projects that most of the growth will come from energy resources in tight rock formations that operators simply couldn't access even a few short years ago -- before advances in hydraulic fracturing and directional drilling technologies ushered in an [American energy revolution](#). The same technological innovations that have made the United States the world's energy leader have also made energy development, both onshore and offshore, [safer than ever](#).

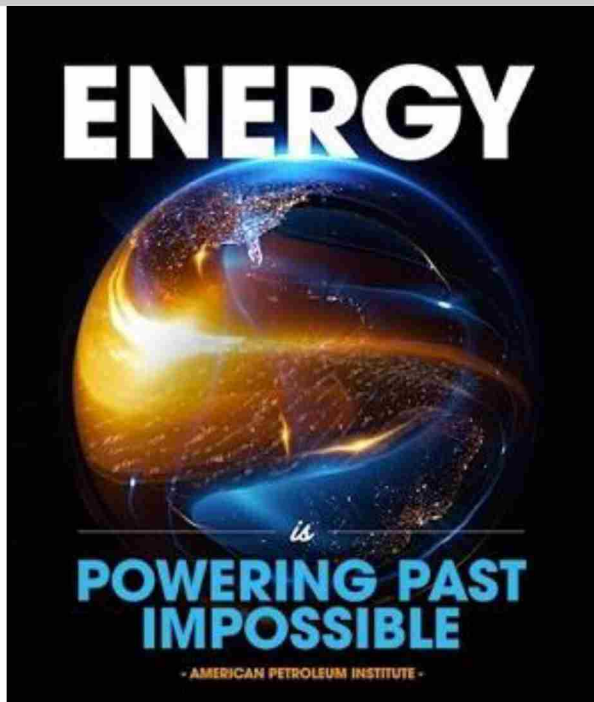
### Meet America's Natural Gas and Oil Industry

How are we "Powering Past Impossible"? Through innovative products made from natural gas and oil that make a difference in the lives of Bergan, a retired U.S. Army combat veteran, and Jimmie, a first-responder with a small-town fire department. And thanks to industry professionals: Eric, a supervisor of a high-tech hydraulic fracturing control room; Leslie, a manager responsible for the safety and integrity of modern pipeline systems; Colleen and Lola, environmental experts who ensure that our operations protect the land, air and water; and Carmen, who represents industry's terrific opportunities for career-minded young Americans. [View this short video to learn more.](#)



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Those game-changing innovations in energy development, safety and environmental protection are the focus of [API's 2018 State of American Energy report](#), "Powering Past Impossible." In addition to demonstrating how industry's use of advanced technologies and innovation produce the energy that [improves lives](#) and [grows the economy while simultaneously advancing environmental goals](#), this year's report illustrates various ways our companies strengthen and [engage with communities](#) to make them better places to live.

Each era has improved productivity and safety – so much so that today's natural gas and oil business would be mostly unrecognizable to the rugged souls who first struck oil at places like Titusville in Pennsylvania and Spindletop in Texas. Then, success was mostly determined by grit and blind luck. In this new century, advanced technologies and operational innovations launched an American energy renaissance, accessing new natural gas finds and expanding oil production from reserves that once were unavailable. Credit for this growth belongs to [the millions of women and men](#) who ensure that American energy is produced, refined and delivered every day, safely and reliably – because being a good neighbor is at the heart of operating responsibly.

Secure, affordable energy is fundamental to American life, prosperity and security. [Sound policies](#), such as those outlined in report, can help ensure that the reliable energy Americans count on will be available now and in the future. I hope you enjoy [exploring the report](#) and learning about the many ways America's natural gas and oil industry is Powering Past Impossible.

Sincerely,

**Jack Gerard**  
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